

App. No. 09/682,094

### REMARKS - General

By the above amendment, Applicants have amended the title to emphasize the novelty of the invention.

Also applicants have rewritten all claims to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical rejections and define the invention patentably over the prior art.

#### Comments:

Although Ku (US 6,438,625) discloses that newly added device will have a default address when added to the communication bus the processing means issues a general config command the Applicant would argue that it would not have been obvious to one skilled in the art to apply this to Sheikh (US 6,189,109). However even without this the Applicant argues that the new claims are novel and unique.


#### Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

#### Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

Applicant has amended the specification and claims of this application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure which is also unobvious. If, for any reason, this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P § 707.03(d) and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



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